THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to information available, the quadruple vaccine containing DPT (Diphtheria Pertusis and Tetanus) with Polio vaccine (Inactivated Salk) has been permitted by the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra and the vaccine is reported to be marketed from January, 1987.

(c) The inactivated Polio vaccine bulk which figures in Appendix 6, list 3 of Open General Licence of the Import & Export Policy is imported and mixed with DPT (Diphtheria pertusis and Tetanus) which is indigenously manufactured in the country to produce quadruple vaccine.

(d) Government is not aware of any adverse reaction of the vaccine reported abroad.

(e) In view of (d) above does not arise.

(f) and (g) While Drugs Controller India, is the authority to approve new drug, State Drugs Controllers are the licensing authorities for manufacture and sale of drugs in the respective states. The procedure for approval of new drug as well as licensing a formulation includes examination of data relating to safety and efficacy of the drug backed by other information such as availability of the drug in other countries, the recognition of the use of the drug in official books and Journals. In the instant case application for grant of licence was filed before Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra whose duty it is to ensure that proper procedure is followed before granting license.

Budget allocation for the National Health Programme

131. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total budget allocated for National Health Programme for the year 1986-87 and that for 1987-88;

(b) whether it is a fact that medicines required for the control of diseases under National Health Programme are not available at various centres;

(c) what was the budget allocated for purchase of medicines during last three years, year-wise and what was the percentage increase affected each year;

(d) whether it is a fact that the budgetary provisions for purchase of medicines lapsed during last three years,

(e) if so, what was the amount utilised per year during last three years and what were the reasons for such lapsing;

(f) what are the names of medicines purchased along with value of each medicine during last three years, year-wise; and

(g) what steps are being taken to make these medicines available according to requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (c) A statement is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 4.]

(b) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) and (g) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 5.]